

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE**

Title of Invention:        **WIRE SUPPORT AND METHOD OF MAKING**  
Inventor:                 **John Kevin Liles**  
Serial No.:  
Filed:                      **concurrently herewith**

**SOLE DECLARATION ACCOMPANYING PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled above and as set forth in the above-identified specification.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and drawings.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this patent application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that I do not know and do not believe that said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication more than one year before the filing date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year before the date of this patent application, that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of any inventor's certificate issued before the filing date of this patent application in any country foreign to the United States of America on any application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this patent application in the United States of America, and has not been abandoned.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint Robert F. Frijouf, Registration No. 26,546; Charles R. Rust, Registration No. 18,716; and David A. Frijouf, Registration No. 50,422, all members of the bar of the State of Florida and having a mailing address of 201 East Davis Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606, telephone 813.254.5100, facsimile 813.254.5400 and email [frijouf@frijouf.com](mailto:frijouf@frijouf.com) as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments thereto, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of

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Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**SOLE DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(INDEPENDENT INVENTOR)**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C. F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above entitled invention.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e). Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or are under an obligation under contract of law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 C.F.R. 1.27).
- ☐ Individual identified below
- ☒ Small Business Concern identified below

NAME:      Metalcraft Industries, Inc.  
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of change in status resulting in loss or entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date of which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
 (37 CFR § 1.9 (f) and § 1.27 (c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below.  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

NAME: Metalcraft Industries, Inc.  
 ADDRESS: 320 Cypress Road  
 Ocala, Florida 34472

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 § CFR 121.3-18 and reproduced in 37 CFR § 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of this concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the above entitled invention as set forth in the subject pending patent application filed concurrently herewith.

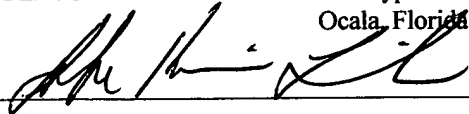
If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having the rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities (37 CFR § 1.27).

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NAME OF PERSON SIGNING John Kevin Liles  
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 ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 320 Cypress Road  
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